

News Briefs

Education office closure

The Education Services Flight will close from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday for a flight function. Patrons are encouraged to plan accordingly.

SAVE briefing

The next Suicide And Violence Education briefing is at 3:30 p.m. Sept. 15 at Phillips Auditorium. For more information, call Airman Jamil Fitts at Ext. 2239 or Ext. 1239.

Subway closure

Subway will be closed Saturday and Sunday for repairs and will re-open Monday morning.

AF Ball tickets

Today is the last day to purchase tickets for the 2006 Air Force Ball. Columbus AFB will celebrate the 59th birthday of the United States Air Force beginning at 6 p.m. Sept. 22 at the Trotter Convention Center in downtown Columbus. Retired General Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, a former 14th Flying Training Wing commander and current Mississippi State University president, will be the guest speaker. The dress code is semi-formal or mess dress for enlisted, mess dress for officers, and coat and tie for civilians. Cost is \$32 per person, and tickets can be purchased from unit representatives — Wing Staff Agencies: Capt. Jennifer Daines; Operations Group: Capt. Jason Dillon; Mission Support Group: Capt. Richard Warr; Medical Group: Capt. Christina Peace.

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FEATURE 8

SUPT Class 06-14 graduates at 10 a.m. at the base theater.



About 1,000 BLAZE Team members and families attended Mississippi State University's season opener Aug. 31 in Starkville, Miss. The university designated the event as a "Salute to Columbus AFB" in appreciation of the BLAZE Team's role in the Global War on Terror.

CAFB Airman makes life-saving play

Senior Airman John Parie  
14th Flying Training Wing

A BLAZE Team medic saved a man's life during Mississippi State University's season opener Aug. 31 in Starkville, Miss.

Airman Leslie Rodriguez, 14th Medical Operations Squadron medical technician, was at the football game for MSU's "Salute to Columbus AFB" when a spectator fell out of his seat and into her lap.

Airman Rodriguez was one of the

many uniformed Airmen among the 1,000 BLAZE Team members in attendance.

"It was shortly after the national anthem when I felt someone begin to fall into me," said Airman Rodriguez. "I looked down at the man and he was lying there with his food still in his hand."

"I asked him if he was alright," she said. "He told me yes, he was fine and asked what the score of the game was."

A few moments later the man fell

over into Airman Rodriguez again, and she determined he was having a seizure.

At this point, the 19-year-old, California native began to clear the man's airway and administer basic life-saving measures

"It was a great example of the right person being in the right place at the right time," said Staff Sgt. Clifton Somers, 14th MDOS medical technician.

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Stars and stripes



Melissa Wooley

The 14th Flying Training Wing congratulates the September enlisted promotees. Pictured are: (front row) to senior airman: Amber Berry, 14th Operations Group; to airman: Christopher Moseley, 14th Operations Support Squadron; Laquan Conic, 14th Security Forces Squadron; Justin Carlie, 50th Flying Training Squadron; Nicholas Harrison, 14th SFS; (back row) to master sergeant: Phillip Martin, 14th Communications Squadron ; to technical sergeant: Floyd Recto, 14th Flying Training Wing Chapel; to staff sergeant: Jennifer Hullman, 14th Medical Operations Squadron; to senior airman: Jerry Vega, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron; and Learone Peagler, 14th CES. Not pictured are: to airman: Amanda Fitzgerald, 14th Medical Operations Squadron; to senior airman: Ryan Schneider, 14th Contracting Squadron; and Keith Dawson, 14th SFS.

Silver Wings online

People may view past Silver Wings issues online by clicking on the "Silver Wings Base News" link at [www.columbus.af.mil](http://www.columbus.af.mil).

Education center testing schedule

College Exams, Professional Military Education exams (for distance programs only), proctored university exams and career development course exams.

The following schedule reflects special testing scheduled for Fiscal Year 2007:

Test	Date & Time	Sign up by
SAT	8 a.m.-noon, Oct. 3	Sept. 19
ACT	8 a.m.-noon, Nov. 7	Oct. 24
PRAXIS	8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Nov. 21	Oct. 10
SAT	8 a.m.-noon, Jan. 9	Dec. 19
ACT	8 a.m.-noon, Feb. 6	Jan. 23
SAT	8 a.m.-noon, April 3	March 20
ACT	8 a.m.-noon, May 1	April 17
SAT	8 a.m.-noon, July 10	June 26
PRAXIS	8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Aug. 7	June 26
ACT	8 a.m.-noon, Aug. 14	July 31

A minimum of three people must be scheduled by the registration deadline to offer the session, or it will be cancelled. The ACT, SAT and PRAXIS are available to military personnel only. Call Ext. 2562 to schedule a testing appointment, as no walk-in testing is available. A list of CLEP, DANTES and Excelsior exams and study guides is available at <https://afvec.langley.af.mil/Pages/studyguides.aspx?Menu=2>.

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**Master Sgt. Dwaine Smith, 14th Medical Group, sang the national anthem in front of more than 60,000 fans at the University of Mississippi versus University of Memphis game Sunday.**

# Columbus Airmen visit Ole Miss

**Master Sgt. William Robinson**  
AFROTC Detachment 430

The University of Mississippi AFROTC Detachment 430 welcomed the United States Air Force to its campus for Air Force Day during Ole Miss' season-opener versus the University of Memphis Sunday.

Several members from Columbus AFB, including the 14th Flying Training Wing's command chief, Chief Master Sgt. Ron Bowlan, accepted the invitation and made the nearly two-hour trip to Oxford, Miss.

The Columbus visitors soon discovered this occasion was not the ordinary come-and-visit-the-campus event.

The festivities included a tour of the detachment, which culminated with an inspection of the cadet wing by Chief Bowlan.

"The cadets looked every bit as sharp as our active-duty Airmen," Chief Bowlan said after his inspection of the ROTC members.

The Columbus visitors also had the opportunity

to tour the famous "Grove," a popular tail-gating area, and participate in an on-the-field formation during the pre-game ceremonies.

"The highlight of the trip was when Master Sgt. Dwaine Smith of the 14th Medical Group received a thunderous standing ovation as he sang the national anthem in front of a crowd of more than 60,000 fans," Chief Bowlan said.

The Rebel Sports Marketing Office was pleased with the strong showing of "Air Force Blue." The University of Mississippi is already working on another — perhaps even bigger — Air Force Day event in the near future. To learn more about the AFROTC program or the University of Mississippi, call AFROTC Det 430 at (662) 915-7357.

***(Editor's note: According to Chief Bowlan, the Ole Miss versus Memphis game was extremely competitive down to the last few ticks of the clock. However, when the day was done the Ole Miss Rebels successfully held off the Memphis Tiger's final charge with a 28-25 win during the historic rivalry dubbed as "The Battle of I-55.")***

# Temporary suspension of voluntary assignment applications delayed

Due to the delay in the Program Budget Decision 720 authorization reductions, the Air Force has further delayed the temporary suspension of the Voluntary Assignment Applications consideration requests until Sept. 30.

This includes base of preference, voluntary stabilized base assignment pro-

gram and follow-on/home-basing, join spouse, CONUS isolated and permissive assignments.

Personnel may continue to apply and military personnel flights will update MilPDS to reflect application pending status; however, consideration of the application will not occur until after

Sept. 30, as manning projections could change significantly based on authorization reductions.

Short notice follow-on/home-basing requests (for overseas returnees with a report no later than date within 60 days) and first term Airmen base of preference requests (for those with pro-

jected reenlistments within 60 days) will be worked on a case-by-case basis. These requests should be sent via email to the appropriate Air Force Personnel Center assignment NCO.

This information is also posted on the AFPC assignments Web page and provided to the Air Force Contact Center.

For question or more information, contact the Air Force Personnel Center at DSN 665-2557 or via email at afpc.dpaas3@randolph.af.mil *(Courtesy of the 14th Mission Support Squadron)*



Senior Airman John Parie  
**Staff Sgt. Clifton Somers and Airman Leslie Rodriguez, 14th Medical Operations Squadron medical technicians, enjoy the Mississippi State University season opener after aiding a spectator who suffered a seizure.**



# 14th CS gets new emblem

**Airman 1st Class Danielle Powell**  
14th Flying Training Wing

A member of the 14th Communications Squadron has recently designed a new Air Force-approved emblem for his unit. Master Sgt. Tony Clements started to revise the logo in March after noticing the former emblem had little to do with the current mission of the communications squadron.

The current unit patch has changed in significance. The globe on the patch represents the world-wide impact of the unit's mission. The three stars signify wired, broadcast and hard copy communication provided. Finally, the lightning bolt symbolizes the speed of communications.

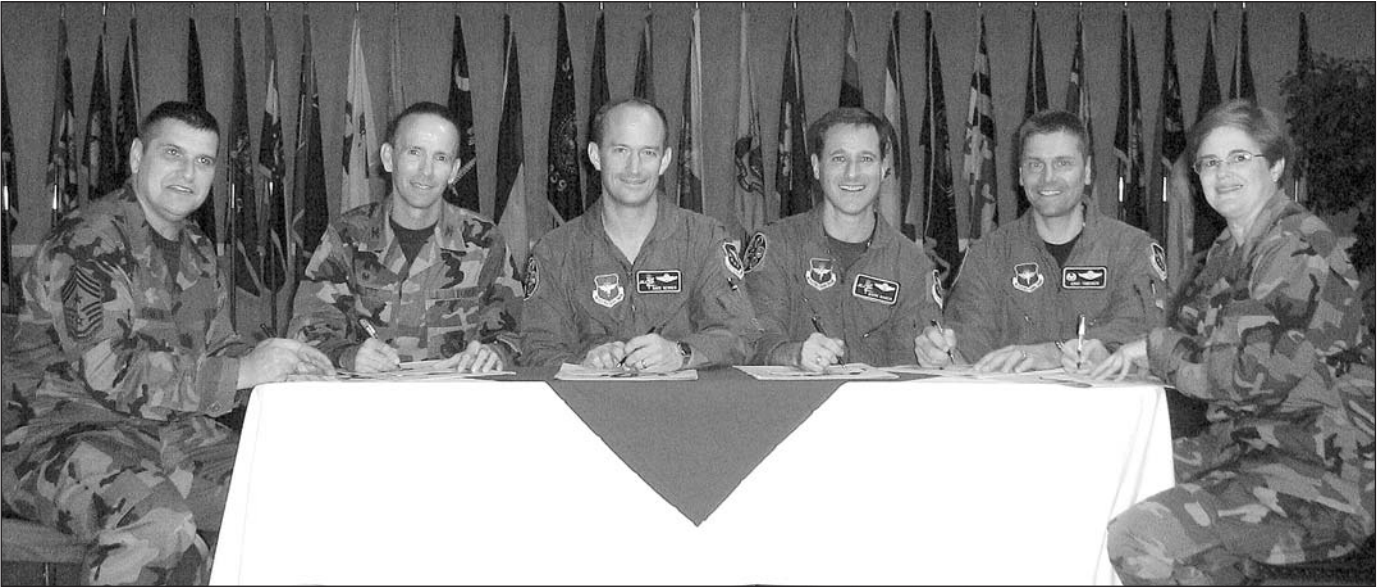
The patch is embroidered with the Air Force colors, blue and yellow, as they relate to Air Force operations and excellence required of Airmen. "Connecting to the World" is inscribed on the upper portion of the disc and "14th Communications Squadron" on the lower.

Effective immediately, this newly revised emblem will be seen around base on squadron coins, memorandum and other unit documents.

# Commemorative 9/11 event

In observation of the anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the base chapel will open its doors to provide a place of remembrance for all BLAZE Team members from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Monday. A video presentation and guided imagery and meditation will be available. For more information, call Ext. 2500.

# BLAZE Team CFC in full swing



Senior Airman Cecilia Rodriguez  
**Wing leadership helped kick off the 14th Flying Training Wing Combined Federal Campaign during a luncheon at the Columbus Club Aug. 31. Pictured signing their CFC contribution forms are (left to right): Chief Master Sgt. Ron Bowlan, 14th FTW command chief; Col. Eugene Willett, 14th Mission Support Group commander; Col. Dave Gerber, 14th FTW commander; Col. Mark Baker, 14th FTW vice commander; Col. Eric Theisen, 14th Operations Group commander; and Col. Susan Hall, 14th Medical Group commander.**

The 2006 Combined Federal Campaign is in full wing at Columbus AFB.

This year, the base has undertaken its most ambitious goal to date — \$102,000.

The Columbus CFC receives donations from not only the base's 1,700 active-duty and civilian workers, but also from ROTC detachments at the University of Mississippi, Mississippi State University and University of Alabama, and the 332nd Recruiting Squadron out of Nashville, Tenn.

Last year, Columbus AFB achieved 105 percent of its goal. This year, the base will count on the generosity of its BLAZE Team members more than ever.

There are more than 1,500 charities that people can choose to

donate to. Several are right here in Columbus.

Each year, the United Way of Lowndes County produces all the materials for the CFC of northeast Mississippi. They are also a prime benefactor of the CFC and help fund 19 other local charities. Columbus AFB even sees a portion of the money raised during the campaign. Both the base youth center and Happy Christmas Fund are listed among the charities people can donate to.

If BLAZE Team members are unable to support CFC charities monetarily, they are encouraged to volunteer their time and talents to these worthy causes. For more information, contact CFC project officer 1st Lt. Brian Caruthers at Ext. 2139 or visit [www.opm.gov/cfc](http://www.opm.gov/cfc). *(Special to the Silver Wings)*

# Six complete SNCO Induction Course

Six BLAZE Team members marked the completion a four-day Senior NCO Induction Course during a ceremony at the Columbus Club Sept. 1.

This course is designed to provide master sergeant selects or newly promoted master sergeants with professional enhancement from experienced senior NCOs through a variety of briefings relative to achieving senior NCO status.

The annual induction course is an Air Education and Training Command requirement for master sergeant promotions.

"The course was a resounding success with the help of the entire base through a couple of fundraisers — a steak sale and Top 3 golf tournament," said Master Sgt. Daniel Hamblin, 14th Communications Squadron and co-chairman of the Senior NCO Induction Committee. He and Master Sgt. Shelli Fisher, Columbus AFB



U.S. Air Force Photo  
**Chief Master Sgt. Ron Bowlan, 14th Flying Training Wing command chief, administers the senior NCO induction oath to course graduates Sept. 1.**

Career Assistance Advisor, organized this year's senior NCO course.

The 14th Flying Training Wing extends its congratulations to the following NCOs: Master Sgt. Mark Olson, 14th Security Forces Squadron; Master Sgt. Brian Simpson, 14th SFS; Master Sgt.

Phillip Martin, 14th Communications Squadron; Tech. Sgt. Jason Mattice, 14th CS; Tech. Sgt. Jerry Malone, 14th Operations Support Squadron; and Tech. Sgt. Duane Ward, 14th Flying Training Wing command post. *(Courtesy of the 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs Office)*



# We didn't start this fight, but we must win it

**Col. Anthony Johnson**

455th Expeditionary Operations Group commander

**BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan** — We sent three young men and a young woman home in flag-draped, metal containers a few days ago.

I was flying over the scene shortly after one of the young men died.

The warrior we were talking to on the radio was audibly shaken by the event. Looking down on the situation from two to three miles above, I was too far removed to truly feel his pain.

He obviously wanted to avenge the loss of a fellow hero and understandably wanted revenge for the pain he was suffering.

My flight lead may have helped him reap a bit of that revenge.

However, ladies and gentlemen, we are not in the revenge business.

Our business is to make it possible to get on an airplane without taking our shoes off and to carry a laptop, tooth paste, perfume and our Ipod on that airplane with us.

Our business is about building a free, democratic nation to let the people of Afghanistan experience a

better way than tyranny.

Our business is about establishing an economy here, built around commodities that compliment the values most Americans hold close to their hearts versus one that tears at the fabric of our society.

Our business is to restore the freedoms Americans enjoyed prior to 9-11.

In sort, our business is to make the world a better place for our children and grandchildren.

I mentioned that I was too far removed to feel the pain felt by the young man we were talking to on the radio. But when I landed my airplane safely on an airfield inside a secure compound, the pain became a bit more real as I visited the members of the squadron who had just lost one of their mates.

I felt completely helpless. There was nothing I could do to relieve their anguish.

They are warriors! Warriors conceal their grief and continue the mission, but they were hurting and I wish them God's Speed. As I think about the grief on their faces when they loaded their comrades' body on an airplane for the journey back to his

family, the thought of my family having to endure that same pain is unbearable to me.

Although I look forward to going home, it will not be an occasion to celebrate.

When all of us who have come together for this common purpose complete our task and have done some good in this place, when the women and children of Afghanistan enjoy the freedoms that most Americans take for granted, then we can celebrate.

Please pray for the four young people who died fighting for our freedoms and thank them in the most sincere way you can.

Thank them for fighting for you and your family. Thank them for fighting for all the thankless citizens who are going about their lives as if nothing is happening here and in Iraq.

Pray that their families' grief will soon subside and that they will have peace.

Again, I thank you for volunteering to leave your respective towns, cities and countries and joining in this worthwhile effort. We didn't start this fight, but we must win it for our children and grandchildren!

*In sort, our business is to make the world a better place for our children and grandchildren."*

# YES

## The toughest word in the English language

**Chief Master Sgt. Bruce Blodgett**  
436th Airlift Wing command chief

**DOVER AFB, Del.** — The toughest word to say in the English language is "yes."

Everyone thinks you are tough and gruff if you say no, but when you say no you are not committed to do anything.

When you say yes, you are committed to write a paper, fly a mission, give a speech or chair a committee. People and organizations have a tendency to say no all the time. It's simply easier that way.

However, as a leader you should teach your people how to say yes. Encourage them to step up to the leadership challenge and find ways to make things happen. We are constantly being challenged in our Air Force. We hear terms such as Air Force Smart Operations for the Twenty-First Century, Force Shaping,

operations and personnel tempo, Global War on Terror; in-lieu-of Army taskings, drawdown of the forces, and do more with less.

We initially may think it can't all be done. Our first thought may be to quickly say no because that is the easy way, the simple way, to react to stress and increased workload. However, we must find ways to "lean" our processes, cut out waste and increase our use of productive time. We must say yes and be committed to change.

Change is certainly as much a part of our organization as is the sun rising each day. You can count on it! Do not fear it, embrace it. It is here to stay.

True leaders do not shy away from change, but say yes to its challenges, and teach their Airmen also to say yes.

So, on the battlefield of change, will you carry the wounded or be left behind with the stragglers?

## On the Street

### What's your favorite Meal-Ready-to-Eat?

"Beef stew."



Staff Sgt. Derrick Berry  
14th Operations Support Squadron

"Meatloaf."



Airman 1st Class Mingda Liu  
14th Comptroller Squadron

"Chicken cordon bleu."



Senior Airman Shane Skaggs  
14th Mission Support Squadron

"Vegetarian noodle."



Senior Airman Erika Castro  
14th Mission Support Squadron

# Services activities offer family programs



Pam Wickham

**Retired Tech. Sgt. Granville Smith and his wife Nora register for a bicycle and three-day, two-night trip offered during the club membership drive kick-off Sept. 1. The Air Force club membership drive ends Nov. 30 with a free membership night for all new and current members. Current club members are automatically entered into the Air Force drawing for a 2007 Hummer H3. New members signing up during the drive also qualify for a separate drawing for another Hummer. Call Ext. 2490 for more information.**

**Home decor workshop:** Today is the last day to register and pay for the one-day arts and crafts center workshop to make a bathroom space saver unit. Class is at 10:30 a.m. or 6 p.m. Thursday. Cost is \$40 and includes all materials. Call Ext. 7836 for more information.

**Preteen dance:** The youth center offers a dance for preteens from 7 to 9:30 p.m. tonight for ages 9 to 12. Cost is \$2 for youth center members and \$3 for nonmembers. A teen dance is scheduled for 7 to 9:30 p.m. Sept. 15. For more information call Ext. 2504.

**Football Frenzy:** The Columbus Club opens the doors of the Landing Lounge to all ranks from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays to watch football. Free snacks are available for members; cost is \$5 for nonmembers. Beverage specials are available. Club members may register for a chance to attend the Falcons versus Buccaneers game in Tampa Bay, Fla., the pro bowl game in Hawaii or the Super Bowl. Each week, club members can also win t-shirts, CD holders or Football Frenzy visors.

**U-frame-it workshop:** The arts and crafts center offers an eight-hour framing workshop from 6 to 8 p.m. Sept. 11, Sept. 12, Sept. 18 and Sept. 19. Cost is \$30 and includes supplies for an 8-by-10-inch frame. For more information, call Ext. 7836.

**Preschool story time:** The library begins its weekly, 30-minute preschool story time at 10 a.m. Wednesday for ages 3 to 5. Parents are asked to remain in the library

during story time. Volunteer readers are always welcome. For more information, call Ext. 2934.

**Family fun & movie night:** The Columbus Club offers this fun night for the whole family from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday. The movie starts at 6 p.m. The buffet menu includes hot dogs, corn dogs, nachos, french fries, popcorn, cookies and soda, tea and lemonade. Cost is \$6.95 for members and \$9.95 for nonmembers. Cost for ages 6 to 12 is \$3.95 for members and \$5.95 for nonmembers. Ages 5 and younger eat for free. Call Ext. 2490 for more information.

**Adult and youth crafts classes:** The arts and crafts center offers adult classes Tuesdays and youth classes Wednesdays. Upcoming adult classes include how to make a scarecrow, a harvest door crown and a ghost yard decoration. Youth classes include how to make a pumpkin candy jar, a golfball jack o'lantern and a straw hat scarecrow. A display of all projects is available in the arts and crafts center lobby. For more information, call Ext. 7836.

**Parents day out:** The youth center and child development center offer a parents day out from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 16. Cost is \$3 per hour per child. The registration deadline is Sept. 13 at the respective facility. For more information, call the child development center at Ext. 2479 or the youth center at Ext. 2504.

**Florida golf trip:** The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip to Fort Walton Beach, Fla., Sept. 22 to Sept. 24 for a weekend of golf. Cost is \$165 for

Whispering Pines annual greens fee card holders and \$180 for nonmembers. Cost includes transportation, two nights lodging and two rounds of golf at Eglin AFB. The bus will depart at 10 a.m. Friday and return late Sunday afternoon. A non-refundable 50-percent deposit is required when registering. For more information, call Ext. 7861.

**Champagne Sunday brunch:** The Columbus Club offers breakfast and lunch entrees from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sept. 17. Cost is \$9.95 for members and \$12.95 for nonmembers. Cost for ages 6 to 12 is \$5 for members and \$7 for nonmembers. Ages 5 and younger eat for free. Call Ext. 2490 for more information.

**Artist craftsman & photography contests:** All base people are invited to enter the artist craftsman and photography contests. The artist craftsman contest deadline is Sept. 21, and the photography contest deadline is Oct. 5. Visit the exhibit gallery at [www.airforcegallery.com](http://www.airforcegallery.com). For more information, call Ext. 7836.

**Worldwide Talent Contest:** Applications for this contest are due Oct. 2. All active-duty military may submit an application and video to the Worldwide Talent Contest — the first step to becoming a member of the Tops in Blue showcase. Applications can be found at [www.topsinblue.com](http://www.topsinblue.com). For more information, call Tech. Sgt. James Dill at Ext. 7313.

**Family Disney trip:** The information, ticket and travel office offers a layaway plan for a June 2007 Disney vacation. Cost is \$825 for a family of four and includes transportation, five nights lodging at the LaQuinta Hotel on International Drive and shuttle service to and from Disney World and Universal Studios. A \$200 deposit will secure seats on the bus. Tickets to the parks are sold separately. For more information, call Ext. 7861.

**Bowling specials:** The bowling center offers a no-tap bowling tournament at 7 p.m. Fridays. Entry is \$10 per person — \$5 to bowl and \$5 for the prize fund. Bowlers must register by 6:30 p.m.

Cosmic bowling, featuring black lights, loud music and strobe lights, is offered from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturdays. Games are \$2 each.

Family bowling is from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays at the bowling center. Games are \$1 each.

Patrons can bowl for 75 cents a game from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call Ext. 2426 for more information.

**Holiday travel:** The Carnival Fantasy cruise ship sets sail out of New Orleans Oct. 26 for four- to five-day western Caribbean cruises. Check with the information, ticket and travel office for reservations.

The information, ticket and travel office offers airline tickets during the upcoming holiday season. BLAZE Team members are encouraged to check with the office before making holiday reservations. Call Ext. 7861 for more information.



# SUPT Class 06-14 earns silver wings



T-1A Jayhawk



T-38C Talon



**Capt. Jonathan Leatherwood**  
O'Fallon, Ill.  
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



**Capt. Jeffrey Wadsworth**  
Clifton Park, N.Y. (AFRC)  
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



**1st Lt. Craig Husby**  
Edmonds, Wash.  
C-17, McChord AFB, Wash.



**1st Lt. Michael Rose**  
Greenville, S.C.  
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



**1st Lt. Paul Schimpf**  
Bayport, N.Y.  
C-17, McGuire AFB, N.J.



**1st Lt. Dean Smith**  
Mountain Home, Idaho  
C-17, McChord AFB, Wash.

Twenty officers have prevailed during a year of training, earning the right to be an Air Force pilot.

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 06-14 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the theater.

The graduation speaker is Maj. Gen. Teresa Marné Peterson, 25th Commandant of the National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C. The National War College is the senior service school in the study of national security affairs. It is composed of departmental influences to include Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps, Department of Defense, Department of State, Central Intelligence Agency, National Security Agency and other executive agencies.

Students receive their silver pilot's wings at the ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks are recognized.

First Lt. John Walsh, T-1, and Second Lt. Mark Siviglia, T-38, received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to 2nd Lt. Adam Peck, T-1, and 2nd Lt. Mark Perez de Tejada, T-38. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Lieutenants Walsh, Peck and Siviglia were named distinguished graduates.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight.

The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the twin-engine, subsonic

T-37 Tweet. Some complete this phase in the single-engine, turboprop T-6A Texan 2 at Moody AFB, Ga. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

Primary training takes about 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours.

After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38 Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet. T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground events, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 flying hours.

The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place business jet.

Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions. Training takes about 26 weeks and

includes 185 hours of ground training, 43 hours in the flight simulator and 104 flying hours.

The class reunites on graduation day, when students receive the aeronautical rating of pilot and begin their careers as U.S. Air Force pilots. *(Editor's note: The class's pilot partners are RE/MAX and Cartney-Hunt Bed and Breakfast.)*



**2nd Lt. Damian Baskerville**  
Meridian, Miss. (ANG)  
KC-135, Meridian, Miss.



**2nd Lt. Jeffrey Dierdorf**  
Plymouth, Minn.  
KC-135, Kadena AB, Japan



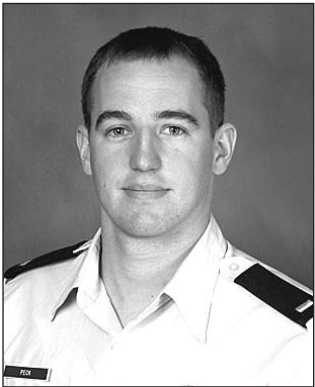
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Centerville, Ohio (AFRC)  
KC-135, Grissom ARB, Ind.



**2nd Lt. Jeremy Kroshus**  
Dover, Del.  
C-5, Dover AFB, Del.



**2nd Lt. Jeffrey Osgood**  
Amesbury, Mass.  
KC-135, Grandforks AFB, N.D.



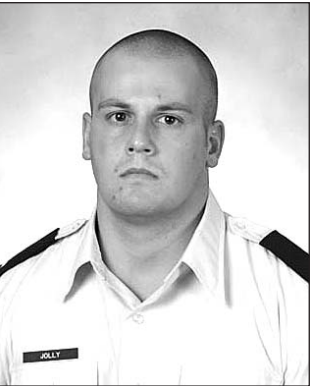
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Newtown, Conn.  
C-17, Hickam AFB, Hawaii



**2nd Lt. Mark Perez de Tejada**  
Arvada, Colo. (ANG)  
F-16, Des Moines ANG, Iowa



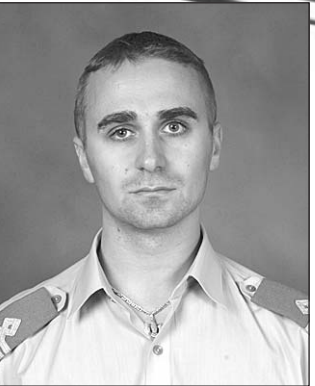
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## Chapel Schedule

### Religious education

Parents can now register children for Catholic religious education, which will begin Sunday by visiting the Chapel to fill out a registration form during the week or after Mass on Sunday.

### Catholic

Sunday:  
4:30 p.m. — Sacrament of Reconciliation  
4:30 p.m. — Catholic Religious Education (Begins Sunday)  
5:30 p.m. — Mass

### Protestant

Sunday:  
9 a.m. — Contemporary Worship Service  
9 a.m. — Traditional Religious Education  
10:45 a.m. — Traditional Worship Service  
10: 45 a.m. — Contemporary Bible Study  
  
Wednesday:  
5 p.m. — Pot luck fellowship  
6 p.m. — Pioneer Clubs  
6 p.m. — “The Parables of Christ” video study  
6 p.m. — “The Pursuit of Holiness” navigator study  
7:15 p.m. — Choir practice

For more information on other services and chapel programs, call the chapel office at Ext. 2500.

## Base Notes

### Host families needed

The Kiev Symphony Orchestra and Chorus will perform at 7 p.m. Oct. 12 at Rent Auditorium on the Mississippi University for Women campus. This internationally renowned symphony consists of 160 Ukranians in need of host family housing for Oct. 12 and Oct. 13.  
Any family willing to host will receive complimentary tickets to the concert. The musicians are kept in pairs, and at least one person from each pair speaks English. Host families are asked to meet the preassigned guests after the concert, take them home for the night and bring them back to the concert site at 8 a.m. Oct. 13.  
They will perform two concerts for local schools that day, should be picked up from the MUW campus at 6 p.m., and brought back to the campus the morning of Oct. 14.

More than 40 host homes are still needed. For more information or to volunteer, contact Denise Sandifer at 356-9205 or san diferfam@bellsouth.net.

### MSU online MBA program

A representative from the Mississippi State University online Masters of Business Administration program will be available for advising from:

1-4 p.m.	Monday
9 a.m.-noon	Sept. 27
9 a.m.-noon	Oct. 6
9 a.m.-noon	Oct. 18
1-4 p.m.	Oct. 24

The MSU advisor’s office is located in the Education Services Flight, Building 916, Room 13. To schedule an appointment, call Ext. 2562.

### Commissary holiday hours

Starting in October, the Columbus AFB commissary will implement a new holiday schedule. The commissary will be closed on the Tuesday following Columbus Day, Christmas, New Year’s Day, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day and Labor Day. The commissary will be closed on Thanksgiving and the 4th of July, but will be open on Veterans Day. For more information, call store director Paula Lewis at 434-7109, Ext. 4212.

### Daily Grind hours

The Daily Grind coffee shop hours of operation are now 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays. The Daily Grind is closed weekends.

### Thrift Shop hours

The newly reorganized Thrift Shop, located at Building 345, C Street, will be open from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturdays Sept. 9 through Sept. 30. Regular hours are from 3 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays. Consignments are accepted until one hour before closing. A change in personnel has created a slight delay in the issue of consignment checks; checks will be ready Sept. 14. For weekly changes regarding consignment items, call the Thrift Shop hot line at 434-2954.

### ASIST

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training is from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sept. 27 and Sept. 28 at the chapel annex. To sign up or for more information, call Airman Jamil Fitts at Ext. 2239 or Ext. 1239.

### SAT

The Education Services Flight will offer the SAT (college admissions test) for mili-

tary personnel from 8 a.m. to noon Oct. 3. To reserve a seat, call Ext. 2562. by Sept. 19.

### UFT selection board

The next undergraduate flying training selection board will convene at the Air Force Personnel Center Jan. 9. The board will review active-duty applications for selection to pilot, combat systems officer and air battle manager training. Officers with a birth date after April 1, 1977 and a total federal commissioned service date after April 1, 2002 who meet all other eligibility criteria will be eligible to apply for UFT.

Applicants must send a completed application, postmarked by Nov. 27, to: HQ AFPC/DPAOT3, 550 C Street, West Suite 31, Randolph AFB TX 78150-4733.

Applicants are advised to share the application deadline with commanders and supervisors providing Air Force IMT 216 comments.

Applications with incomplete or missing data may not be processed. All applicants must complete the Air Force Officer Qualification Test, as well as the Test of Basic Aviation Skills. For more information on application procedures, see Air Force Instruction 36-2205 or call the military personnel flight at Ext. 2611.

### AECP

Active-duty enlisted Air Force members interested in pursuing a commission in technical fields of study (nursing, engineering, meteorology, mathematics, physics, computer science or foreign language/area studies) may be eligible to apply for the Airman Education and Commissioning Program. Personnel accepted into AECP remain on active-duty with full pay and benefits while going to school.

The deadline to complete all mandatory coursework is Dec. 31, and the application deadline is March 1, 2007. For more information regarding AECP and eligibility, schedule an appointment with Larry Brooks at Ext. 2562; or visit www. afoats.af.mil/AFROTC/EnlistedComm/AECP.asp.

### MFH announcements

All military family housing residents are reminded that yard waste is now picked up every Monday morning. Garbage and recyclables must be placed curbside by 7 a.m. Mondays in Capitol Village and 7 a.m. Thursdays in State and Magnolia Villages, to includes large appliances and furniture.

Those making a permanent change of station should coordinate special pickups of waste and recyclable items three or more

days in advance by calling Ext. 7406 or Ext. 7415.

## Airman and Family

*(Editor’s note: All activities are offered at the Airman and Family Readiness Center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call Ext. 2790.)*

### TAP workshop

A transition assistance workshop for personnel who are within one year of retirement or separation from the military is from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.

### Government applications

A workshop on federal employment and the Small Business Administration is from 3:10 to 4:05 p.m. Thursday.

### Employment assistance

A workshop about employment assistance from the Mississippi Department of Employment Security for people retiring, separating or new to the area is at 2:35 p.m. Thursday.

### VA seminar

A seminar about Department of Veterans Affairs benefits is from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday.

### Give Parents a Break

This free childcare is offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 16. The Air Force Aid Society sponsors this program for active-duty Air Force families who are experiencing unique stresses such as deployments, remote tours of duty and extended working hours.

Families must be referred by one of the following: squadron commander or first sergeant, chaplain, doctor or medical professional, or personnel from family advocacy, the Airman and Family Readiness Center or child development center. For more information, call Ext. 2790.

### Medical terminology

The Airman and Family Readiness Center and East Mississippi Community College Work Force Development program offer a medical terminology workshop Sept. 19 through Oct. 31 for active duty, civil service employees, retirees, contractors and family members. Workshop participants will meet every Tuesday for seven weeks at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Cost is \$100 for workbooks. Call Ext. 2790.

**Tennessee Williams Tribute & Tours:** This annual event will include various dates and times for scholar luncheons, lectures, discussions and tours now through Sunday. For more information, call 327-2686.

**Gigantic flea market:** This event features new and used items from indoor and outdoor vendors, food and restrooms today, Saturday and Sunday on Coley Road in Tupelo, Miss. For more information, call (662) 842-4442.

**Moon Lake party:** As part of the Tennessee Williams Tribute, this event features music of the Angus Whyte and the Irish Red Necks from Nashville followed by a southern soul food supper and poetry readings Saturday at Plymouth Bluff center in Columbus. Reservations are required. For more information, call 327-2686.

**Suicide Prevention Seminar:** The CONTACT helpline conducts this one-day event from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Master Host Inn on Highway 45 North. The seminar is open to the public and will educate participants about recognizing suicidal tendencies and preventing suicides. The advance registration fee is \$15 and includes lunch. Contact Lindy Thomason at 327-2968.

**Learning by the Lake — Butterflies:** The U.S. Forest Service and Field School artists and scientists will conduct educational fun at the Coleman Lake Recreational Area Saturday at the Talladega National Forest in Heflin, Ala. For more information, call (256) 782-5697.

**Stadium Park Classic Car and Truck Show:** This event, featuring all makes and models, is Saturday in Hueytown, Ala. Competitions will be held for each class and prizes will be awarded. There is a registration fee for participants only. For more information, call (205) 491-8039 or visit www.hueytown.net.

**Sixteenth & Sixth:** The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute has transformed into a New York style cafe with live music, spoken word, complimentary wines, food and more Thursday in Birmingham, Ala. For more information, call (866) 328-9696, Ext. 244 or visit www.bcri.org.

**Tupelo community play:** The Tupelo Community Theater presents *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, a comedy Broadway musical play, Thursday through Sept. 16 in Tupelo, Miss. For more information, call (662) 844-1935 or visit www.tct.ms.

**Christmas parade participants needed:** The Pilot Club of Columbus is in search of interested participants for the Columbus Christmas Parade Dec. 4. This year’s theme is “A Christmas Remembered.” Entries will be judged on overall appearance, originality, design, workmanship and costumes. An entry form and \$10 fee must be submitted by Oct. 31. The parade lineup will reflect the order in which entry forms were received. Line up and parade route information will be mailed out about two weeks before the event. For a copy of the parade rules, an entry form or for more information, call 328-8369 or Kathy 328-9423.

**Language classes:** The Greater Columbus Learning Center conducts English as a Second Language classes Monday through Thursday at 612 Military Road in Columbus. Classes are free and open to anyone. For more information, call 329-7691.

**Free classes:** East Mississippi Community College sponsors free tutoring for GED, ACT, TABE, ASVAB and similar educational alternatives at the WIN Job Center in Columbus. Ages 17 years and older may apply. Call 243-1985.

## BARGAIN LINE

### Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees.  
Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week’s issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue.  
Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week’s issue. Please do not re-submit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads.  
Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

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# Third time’s a charm

## LeTourneau captures Whispering Pines Club championship

**Pam Wickham**  
14th Services Division

After placing runner-up three years in a row, Bob LeTourneau captured the 2006 championship title at the Whispering Pines Club Championship tournament Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

“This was one of the tightest competitions I have ever seen, with only a few strokes difference in handicaps for each of our flights,” said Ricky Magers, 14th Services Division and golf pro. “We also saw the return of our defending champion and two-time club champion, William Bartowick, and five-time club champion Booker Thomas. They played hard, but it all came down to the final match with a race for the title between Bob LeTourneau and Andy Gilley.”

Bob LeTourneau and Andy Gilley battled back and forth for the lead. LeTourneau took a three-shot lead until the 17th hole, when he hit one out of

bounds. At hole No. 18, the match was all square when Gilley met with a bit of bad luck. His ball hit the tree near the ladies tee box and fell straight down.

LeTourneau hit off the tee box with a shot in the middle of the fairway about 100 yards from the green. Gilley took his second shot to about 50 yards short of the green. LeTourneau countered with a lob shot about 25 feet off the green. Gilley responded with a high shot that rolled just off the back side of the green.

Gilley had to sink the hole to force the match to a playoff, but missed the putt just right of the hole. All LeTourneau had to do was two putt for the win. His first putt came within two feet of the hole, and he sunk the final putt for the win and the championship.

“This was the most nerve racking match I have ever seen,” said spectator Penny Knight.

LeTourneau posted a 72, 69 and 72 for the tournament, while Gilley posted a 70, 73 and 71. Gilley took the championship flight’s low net honors with a total score of 202 with handicap.

Whispering Pines Golf Course played host to 30 golfers in this annual three-day event held every Labor Day weekend with four flights based on handicap. The first flight winners were Booker Thomas with low gross and Darrell Petters with low net. Second flight winners were Robert Buckley with low gross and Wendell Reed with low net. Third flight winners were Pam Wickham with low



Photos by Pam Wickham

**Bob LeTourneau is presented with the championship plaque by Ricky Magers, Whispering Pines Golf Club pro.**

gross and Mike Fowlkes with low net.

Toni Holcomb retained her title as the ladies champion for the ninth consecutive year. Wendell Reed posted a 201 with handicap to take the handicap division title.

“This tournament would not have happened without my staff and especially

Dick Bryde and Joe Mack,” Mr. Magers said. “They worked long hours to put this course in the best playable condition possible.”

Upcoming tournaments are the commander’s challenge Oct. 6 and the three-lady scramble Oct. 7. For more information, call Ext. 7932.



**Bob LeTourneau (right) receives a congratulatory handshake from defending champion Bart Bartowick.**

### Sports Shorts

#### Coaches and referees needed

The youth center is in need of youth soccer coaches and referees. If interested, contact Columbus AFB youth sports and fitness director Eric Richmire as soon as possible at Ext. 2504.

#### Tennis lessons

The youth center offers tennis lessons for ages 5 to

adult. Cost is \$40 a month. For more information, call Ext. 2504.

#### Sports club

A sports club for ages 11 to 17 meets from 6 to 8 p.m. Fridays at the youth center. For more information, call Ext. 2504.

#### Perimeter Road water jugs

The 14th Services Division has placed water jugs

every 1.5 miles around Perimeter Road for the convenience of BLAZE Team runners. The jugs are refilled every day, Monday through Friday.

#### CLRA soccer referees

The Columbus Lowndes Recreation Authority is in need of soccer referees to officiate CLRA youth soccer games. The pay scale ranges from \$11 to \$18 a game. For more information, call Greg Lewis at 327-4935 or 251-4016; or Melissa Hamilton at 327-3760.